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PATENT Request B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 013377-0084 (B63814C))

In re the
Application of:
Guest, et al.

Serial No. 09/848,479
Filed: 05/03/2001

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
SELECTION OF A REFERENCE DIE

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§ Group Art Unit: 2621
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§ Examiner: B. Werner
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the Request for Continued Examination being filed for this case:

In the Claims:

Claims 27 through 49 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

50. (NEW) A system for selection of a die image for use as a reference die image comprising:

a die image comparator creating a difference image from a first die image and a second die image;